the pressing and ever more pressing need of pure interest." It is only as a matter of pure interest that I have offered you some results of my idle curiosity, my wanderings in some of the by-ways of medicine, and especially where those by-ways cross and re-cross the shifting border between magic and the natural sciences, between imagination and reality. The most grotesque guess of yesterday may be an established truth to-morrow.

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## REVIEW

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This little book contains an extraordinary amount of information in a short space; information of the very kind needed by medical students to gain a true appreciation of their work in the chemical laboratory. It is divided into three parts: qualitative inorganic analysis, quantitative organic analysis, and volumetric analysis, with a useful appendix containing equations of reactions used in volumetric analysis, moleculare and atomic weights, logarithms and antilogarithms. The subject matter is clear and to the point, and the author is to be congratulated on his methods of expression. There is a foreword by Professor George Barger, Regius Professor of Chemistry in the University of Glasgow.